

JOHN GOFF

AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WILL & LAST TESTAMENT, 30 NOVEMBER 1762

In the name of God, amen. The thirtieth day of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty three [?clerk error, should be 1762], I John Goff of Amherst County, being sick of body but of good and perfect memory, thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this transitory life, each and all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call, do make and declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following. First being penitent and sorry for my former sins most humbly desiring forgiveness of the same, I commend my soul to Almighty God, my Savior and Redeemer in whom and by whose merits I trust and believe assuredly to be Saved & to have full remission and forgiveness of my sins and to inherit the kingdom of heaven and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and for the settling of my temporal estate and such goods and debts as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I do order, give and dispose of the same in manner and form following:

Imprimis, I lend to my beloved wife Anne five negroes, Bob, Hanah, James, Judah and Jim and all my moveble estate during her widowhood.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph a negro Amey to dispose of as he shall think proper,

at my Wifes death or marriage, all my whole estate to be divided between Joseph Goff and John Goff & Ambrose and

Elizabeth Goff is to have twenty five pounds current money paid her by the Executors at my Wifes death or marriage and

I leave the tract of land being on Stovauls Creek and Bowlins to be divided equally between Joseph Goff and John Goff, and Elizabeth Goff and Ambrose Goff only.

Ambrose is to possess the place where the plantation now is after his Mother's death and

to my son Leonard Goff I leave the hundred acres that he has a Bond for. Amen.

Test.

Thomas Gillenwaters John Goff

[This Will and following documents were apparently copied by the

Clerk of Court George Seaton, after 7 March 1763.]

During of widowhood and life and I do hereby make and appoint my loving sons Leonard and James Executors full and sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking disannulling and making void all former Wills and bequests by me made and declaring this only to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereunto I have set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty two.

[Power of Attorney]

[Allows Leonard & Joseph to conduct John's business until his death

which may have occurred immediately prior to 7 March 1763]

Know all men by these presents that I John Goff of Amherst County for diverse good causes and considerations me hereunto moving, have made ordained constituted and appointed my trust^{ed} sons Leonard Goff and Joseph Goff of Amherst County my true and lawful Attorneys for me and in my name and to my use to ask demand recover and receive of and giving and by these presents granting to my said Attorneys my sole and full power and authority to take persue and follow such legal courses for recovery receiving & obtaining of the same as I myself might or could do were I personally present, and upon the receipt of the same acquittances or other sufficient discharges for me in my name to make sign seal and deliver as also one or more Attorneys under them to substitute or appoint and again at their pleasure to revoke and farther to do perform and finish for me and in my name all and singular thing or things which shall or may be necessary touching and concerning the premises as fully throughly and entirely as I the said John Goff in my own person might or could do in or demand of me the said John Goff or of any other person or persons for me in my name by cause, means or consents, whereunto I have set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of November one thousand seven hundred and sixty two.

Sealed and delivered John [x] Goff

in presence of

Thomas Gillenwaters

Elijah Moran

Joseph Goff

At a Court held for Amherst County at the Court House the 7th day of March 1763, this Last Will & Testament of John Goff, deceased was this day presented in Court by Leonard Goff, one of the Executors therein named and was proved by the oath of Thomas Gillenwaters, and it appearing to the Court that the other Witnesses are legatees to the said Will, and Leonard Goff the Heir at Law agreeing to make the persons a Title to the Lands conveyed to them by the said Will, which is ordered to be for the Executors to give Security, and at a Court held for the County aforesaid the 2nd day of May in the year aforesaid, it appearing to the Court that the Heir at Law who was left an Executor is not able to give Security for the execution of the said Will, and the Widow of the said Decedent relinquishing her right of Administration, and on the motion of Ambrose Rucker administration with the said Will annexed is granted him in due form, whereupon he took the oath according to Law and acknowledged Bond in the penalty of one thousand pounds with John Rucker & George McDaniel his securities, which is ordered to be recorded.

Test. George Seaton

Note: (1) Elizabeth Goff married Elijah Moran ca 1763. Relationship, if any, to Thomas Gillenwaters is unknown.

(2) In accounting for the disposition of John Goff's estate in 1764/65, the Administrator Ambrose Rucker shows payment made for boarding & schooling of Ambrose Goff by William Cheek.

(3) Family histories of McDaniels & Ruckers, show two married daughters of John Goff - Margaret Goff wife of George McDaniel and Martha (Patti) Goff wife of Henry McDaniel.